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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 4 as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/640,221, filed August 16, 2000, which claims priority to German Application No.: 199 41 031.3, filed on August 28, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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